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For : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCING A WEB OF TISSUE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration during examination of the instant application.

- (1) GB 2 305 156 is discussed beginning on page 4 of the instant specification;
- (2) GB 2 235 705 is discussed beginning on page 4 of the instant specification;
- (3) WO 03/062528 (PCT/US03/02108) is discussed beginning on page 8 of the instant specification; and
- (4) US 2003/0136018 is a counterpart of document (1).

Applicant also submits herewith a copy of a German Search Report (in German) dated May 11, 2004 and conducted in German Application No. 103 26 304.7, which is a counterpart of the instant application. In particular the German Examiner cited:

- (5) DE 199 62 706. This document is cited as a "Y" category document (i.e., a {P28845 00052665.DOC})

document casting doubt on non-obviousness in combination with other documents) with regard to claims 1, 2, 9, 30, 77-80, 116, 118-122 and 149-155 of the German application;

(6) DE 198 52 257. This document is cited as a "Y" category document with regard to claims 33, 58, 60, 64, 65, 135, 137, 141 and 142 of the German application;

(7) DE 198 48 816. This document is cited as a "Y" category document with regard to claims 26 and 111-113 of the German application;

(8) DE 198 03 798. This document is cited as a "Y" category document with regard to claims 82-84 and 157-159 of the German application;

(9) DE 197 54 878. This document is cited as a "Y" category document with regard to claims 60-65 and 137-142 of the German application;

(10) DE 197 45 005. This document is cited as a "Y" category document with regard to claims 65 and 137 of the German application;

(11) DE 101 57 451. This document is cited as a "Y" category document with regard to claims 1-3, 7, 20, 32-36, 38, 43, 74-76, 85-88, 90-92, 94, 99-101, 103, 104, 14, 118-120, 122, 123 and 149-151 of the German application;

(12) DE 100 17 038. This document is cited as a "Y" category document with regard to claims 68, 69, 145 and 146 of the German application;

(13) DE 100 09 897. This document is cited as a "Y" category document with regard to claims 1, 21, 26, 70, 71, 90, 105 and 110 of the German application;

(14) DE 201 03 070. This document is cited as a "Y" category document with regard to claims 147 and 148 of the German application;

(15) DE 697 11 593. This document is cited as a "Y" category document with regard

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to claims 47-52 and 124-129 of the German application;

(16) US 2002/0104630. This document is cited as a "Y" category document with regard to claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 15-19, 22, 26, 29-32, 34-48, 57, 73-76, 85, 90, 91, 94, 99-101, 103, 110, 115, 116, 118-125 and 151 of the German application;

(17) US 3,432,936. This document is cited as a "Y" category document with regard to claims 1, 28, 32, 53-56, 85, 94 and 103-132 of the German application;

(18) US 2,553,154. This document is cited as a "Y" category document with regard to claims 1-4, 18, 32, 38, 85-88 and 102 of the German application;

(19) EP 0 003 377. This document is cited as a "Y" category document with regard to claims 1-8, 10, 15-18, 20, 29-32, 38-42, 44-48, 85-92, 94, 99-101, 104-106, 115, 116, 118, 122, 124, 125, 134 and 150 of the German application; and

(20) WO 00/20685. This document is cited as a "Y" category document with regard to claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-19, 22, 29-32, 38, 39, 41-46, 57, 73, 85-92, 94-101, 103, 105, 114, 116, 122 and 132 of the German application.

Applicant also submits herewith a copy of an International Preliminary Report including the Written Opinion (PCT/ISA/237) (in English and German) and conducted in International Application No. PCT/EP2004/051070, of which the instant application is a U.S. National Stage. The documents discussed in the written opinion correspond to the documents cited in the International Search report (in English and German) submitted herewith. In particular the International Examiner cited:

(21) US 2002/148584;

(22) US 4,087,319;

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(23) US 2002/060036;

(24) US 4,179,330;

(25) US 4,682,942;

(26) US 4,812,209;

(27) US 5,645,689;

(28) US 2004/226673 is listed in the annex as a family member of document (19);

(29) US 2002/189775 is listed in the annex as a family member of document (21);

(30) US 2004/074617 is listed in the annex as a family member of document (21);

(31) US 2004/074618 is listed in the annex as a family member of document (21);

(32) US 2004/074619 is listed in the annex as a family member of document (21);

(33) US 2003/141403 is listed in the annex as a family member of document (21);

and

(34) US 4,321,107 is listed in the annex as a family member of document (22).

With the exception of the above-listed US patent/published application documents, copies of the above-listed documents including the German and International Search Reports and the Written Opinion are enclosed. A completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing all of these documents is also enclosed. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

Applicant notes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of a US application and/or before receipt of an Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed document is required under 37

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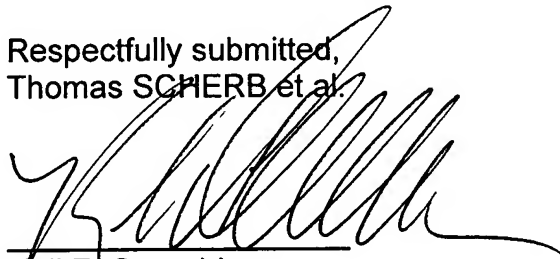
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C.F.R. 1.97(b)(1) and (3).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to refund excess payments and charge any additional fee necessary to have this paper entered to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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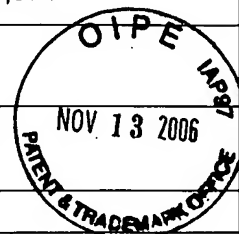


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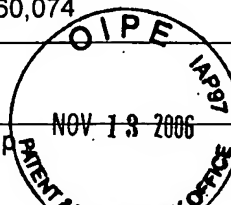
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